

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, On August 31, 1903, Carl and Anna Schaefer bought the NE ¼ of Section 12 of Fairview Township 115-69 in Hand County, South Dakota, for the purpose of establishing a home for their family; and,

Whereas, Francis Xavier and Mary Schaefer purchased the land from their parents on May 12, 1922; Carl Schaefer purchased the land from his parents on November 22, 1958; Kenneth and Pam Schaefer purchased this property from the estate of Uncle Carl on June 2, 1980; and Kenneth and Pam are the current stewards of the property; and,

Whereas, For the past 100 years, the farm has been the home to five generations of the Schaefer family as a direct benefit of the original investment of Carl Schaefer, and thereafter the Schaefer family has continuously raised livestock and farmed this property and adjacent properties in the tradition of their ancestors; and,

Whereas, The Schaefer family descendents have grown to over 100 family members with its members spread from sea to shining sea; and,

Whereas, Over the course of the last 100 years, the family has grown rich in neighbors and friends; survived the Great Depression of the 30s; survived weather of all varieties including heat, cold, snow, wind, and moisture in all forms; and through the grace of God and hard labor, the land has remained in the family and is considered as home to all the Schaefer family; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is grateful for such families and their contributions to the economy, to the values we all hold dearly, and to our quality of life; and,

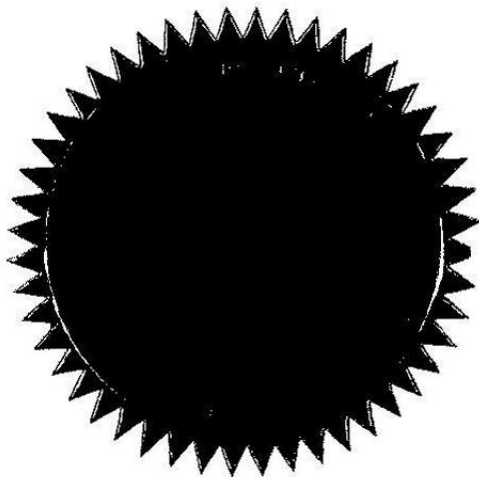
Whereas, On Saturday, June 28, 2003, a special observance will take place at the Schaefer family home near Polo, South Dakota, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Schaefer family home; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakota family and the occasion of its 100th Anniversary in residence:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 28, 2003, as

SCHAEFER FAMILY DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State